

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes January 9, 2015 Council Chambers Room 115, City Hall

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Attendance

Policy Committee: Tony McClellan (INDOT-Seymour District), Scott Wells (Monroe County Plan Commission), Jack Baker (City of Bloomington Plan Commission), Laurel Cornell (Citizens Advisory Committee), Cheryl Munson (Monroe County Council), John Collison (Monroe County Highway Dept), Jason Banach (IU), Susie Johnson (City of Bloomington), Tom Micuda (City of Bloomington), Andy Ruff (City of Bloomington Council Member), Kent McDaniel (Bloomington Public Transportation), Iris Kiesling (Monroe County Commissioner)

Others: Alexa Lopez (City of Bloomington), Jane Fleig (City of Bloomington)

MPO Staff: Josh Desmond, Anna Dragovich, Emily Avers

I. Call to Order

II. Election of Officers

A. Chair

****Tom Micuda made motion to nominate Kent McDaniel. Andy Ruff seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.**

B. Vice Chair

****Laurel Cornell made motion to nominate Jack Baker. Cheryl Munson seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.**

III. Approval of Minutes - September 12, 2014 and November 7, 2014

A. Scott Wells asked that the power point presentation be referenced in the minutes. Josh Desmond said the power point can be referenced in the minutes and the actual power point can be available for any one who requests it to view.

****Micuda made motion to approve both minutes, with above described changes for September 12 minutes. Cornell seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

III. Communications from the Chair - None at this time

IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees

A. Citizens Advisory Committee - Cornell said Citizen's Advisory Committee met and approved two TIP amendments. Cornell thanked Anna Dragovich for providing a map. The map was helpful to guide the committee's discussion of the two amendments.

B. Technical Advisory Committee - Jane Fleig stated Technical Advisory Committee met in November and approved the two TIP amendments being reviewed at this meeting of the Policy Committee.

V. Reports from the MPO Staff

A. Upcoming Business for 2015 - Desmond provided an outlook on several important projects that will come before all the MPO committees over the next 5-6 months. There are four big projects. One is the new TIP which is currently being prepared. This will update the existing TIP and bring it forward for another two years, to cover fiscal years 2016 through 2019. There will be a new format for the TIP. The new format should make the information easier for the committee and public to understand and easier for staff to administer. A call for projects was sent out in late November to local partner agencies. The submission deadline was earlier this week. Now the applications are in and need to be evaluated. There are special eligibility requirements for HSIP and TAP funding programs. There will be a committee meeting January 21st to review all of the TAP applications and make a recommendation for which applications should have funding awarded for the TIP. The final recommendation of the committee will be presented to the Policy Committee in February for a final decision. Desmond presented a quick listing of the applications that have been received. The list did not include details for when the projects are scheduled to happen, which funding sources they are seeking or how much funding they are seeking. The list includes existing projects which will presumably be carried through the next TIP as well as new projects.

City of Bloomington - existing projects

- Old S.R. 37 and Dunn St. intersection
- Tapp and Rockport Road intersection
- Black Lumber Trail Spur
- Bikeways Projects
- Downtown Intersection Improvements

City of Bloomington - new projects

- Woodlawn Ave (12th Street to 13th Street including railroad crossing) - this is in conjunction with IU. Susie Johnson asked if IU made this application. Desmond clarified this would be a City project with funding from IU as the local match. The project is being presented to get the federal funding. Kent McDaniel added IU's trustees have already funded 4.7 million in addition to money the IU trustees had already spent on utilities in the area. Johnson asked if the money for the project would come out of the STP fund. Desmond said it is proposed for funding through the TIP.
- 17th St (I-69 Overpass to 17th/Arlington Roundabout)
- 10th St RR Overpass (East of IU Campus)
- 3rd & Woodcrest Signal Replacement
- 2nd and College Signal Replacement
- 4th and Rogers Pedestrian Island
- Allen Street Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (at Walnut Street)
- Rogers Road Sidepath (The Stands Drive to existing Sidepath)
- Henderson Street Sidepath (Black Lumber Trail to Winslow Road)

- Jackson Creek Trail (Rogers Road to Southeast Park/Sherwood Oaks Park to Sare Road)
- Moore's Pike Guardrail (at north end of Southeast Park)
- Winslow Rd Sidepath (Walnut Street to Highland Avenue)

Monroe County- existing projects

- Fullerton Pike Phase 1 (From 475 west of Walnut Street to 200 feet east of Walnut Street Pike)
- Karts Farm Greenway Phase 3
- Bridge safety Inspection and Inventory

Monroe County - new projects

- Fullerton Pike Phase 2 (from Phase 1 west to 500 feet west of Rogers Street)
- Traffic Signal Black Backing Plates (7 county signals)

Bloomington Transit- existing projects

- Operating Assistant
- Mobility Management/ Voucher Program
- Support Vehicle Replacement
- Vehicle Maintenance (engines/transmissions/tires/etc.)
- Passenger Shelters
- Grimes Lane Facility Surveillance Equipment
- Fare Collection Equipment Replacement
- Maintenance Facility Exhaust System Replacement
- BT Access Vehicle Purchase
- 35-foot Hybrid Bus Purchase
- 40-foot Diesel Bus Purchase

Bloomington Transit- new projects

- Fleet Maintenance Software Replacement
- Radio Communication Equipment Replacement

Rural Transit- existing projects

- Operating Assistance

Rural Transit-new projects

- Vehicle Maintenance

Desmond reminded the Committee this is the first TIP under the new business rules for financing. Iris Kiesling requested the list of proposals be sent to committee members. The target for the adoption of the TIP is May. Desmond said a new two year Unified Planning Work Program as adopted last year. This year an amendment to the previous work program will be made to carry over funding from the last work program and to incorporate new funding guidance from INDOT, Federal Highway and Federal Transit. The funding and

projects will be added May or June. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan Travel Demand model is now complete. Some components have been installed to staff's computers and others will be installed through this week. Staff training has been completed. May is the target for adoption of the plan. Every MPO is required to have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOA) between the MPO, the state department of transportation and the local transit provider. The MOA establishes and formalizes roles of those entities in carrying out the federal transportation planning process. This MPO does have an old MOA, so this is just to update it. Desmond has a template which was provided by INDOT. He is working to customize the template to fit how this MPO works. He will bring the MOA forward for review in the next few months. It will also need to be brought to the Bloomington Transit board and INDOT for their approvals. Keisling asked if any approval needs to be done with Federal Transit. Desmond does not know, but he will be asking this. Wells asked about the budget being cut from 220 million to 120 million. Desmond said the federal allotment is 120 million for all the MPOS. When all the projects of all the MPOs were presented to INDOT, the total was closer to 220 million, so all the MPOs have been asked to rearrange and cut items to stay within the allotment. This MPO has done a pretty good job. We're either close to or at our funding limit. Then moving forward to 2016 and beyond we will be able to spend down the balance of rollover funds. Wells clarified at that point the funds with either need to be spent within that fiscal year or they will be lost. Desmond said that is correct. Wells asked Desmond to break down the funds available for the year. Desmond said the STP fund is 2.5 million, the HSIP fund is 400,000, and the TAP fund is 150,000. Wells asked if there were still 14 MPOs throughout the state. Desmond said there are.

VI. Old Business - none at this time

VII. New Business

A. Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

i. DES# 1401351 - Concrete Pavement Restoration

ii. DES# 1401344 - Concrete Pavement Restoration

These are very similar projects. One is on the east side of S.R. 37 and one is on the west side. The project is to redo the concrete sections in the area going over S.R. 37. The west side is \$204,000 total coming from INDOT's STP fund source. The total on the east side is \$205,000, coming from the same funding source.

There was no public comment.

****Johnson moved to approve the TIP amendment. McClellan seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

VIII. Communications from Committee Members (*non-agenda items*)-

Scott Wells presented a power point of erosion problems related to the I69 construction. The power point showed photos of the I69 ROW taken January 3rd, 2015 after of 1.7 inches of rain January 2nd and 3rd. The photos show soil runoff into Indian Creek Road, choking siltation into the Evans Rd Culvert, and the flooding around the swallow holes on the Wisniewski property which was supposedly corrected. The water flow was redirected away from the

swallow holes and now it is flooding the Wisniewski's driveway and into the road. Wells also showed photos of the spring on the Garvey's property which is still contaminated with the soil runoff. Wells made some requests for INDOT to compensate for the silt and sediment in the Garvey's spring, to correct the drainage pattern and soil runoff problems with the Wisniewski property, and to correct the drainage design flaws in the I69 ROW that cause these repeated bouts of choking siltation. Wells added he's just trying to represent the people he serves. He wants INDOT to look at this from the property owner's view point.

Munson stated this is her last meeting. She will be replaced as the Monroe County Council's representative by Geoff McKim. It is sad for her to leave when there is so much unfinished business but that's the nature of transportation projects. She is particularly interested in the Tapp and Rockport Rd improvements and I69. She has worked with property owners who have been or will be affected by these developments and she is sure she will continue to hear from property owners about these projects. She has heard particularly from many residents about the Fullerton Pike project. These residents have many concerns about property values and safety. She sees ways that the project can be made safer and have less impact on surrounding properties. She is optimistic this can be resolved in a way so that trucks don't go roaring by the neighborhoods and schools in the area. She will be following transportation, even when she is not on the committee. McDaniel thanked Munson for her service.

McDaniel stated the IU intercampus shuttle had its soft open December 1st. The official opening is January 12th. The website is campuscommute.com. The shuttle will let you get a ticket for \$7 to go to IUPUI or the state house. You can also reserve a seat for \$8.50.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

- A. **Technical Advisory Committee** – January 21, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)
- B. **Citizens Advisory Committee** – January 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)
- C. **Policy Committee** – February 6, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. (Council Chambers)

Adjournment

*These minutes were adopted by the Policy Committee at their meeting held on March 9, 2015
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